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“Real Talk”

“R3, Inc. has truly been blessed this year. A lot has happened. The first half of 2013 was amazing and we plan on keeping the momentum.

We’re very excited about sharing a few things with you in this newsletter.

With our kids back in school we are ensuring they begin the year on a positive side and maintain it.

My staff and I take pride in offering programs that provide positive and informative ways to empower them in our community.

We have huge plans that we're anticipating to roll out very soon.”

~Eric Jackson/ Founder/
Executive Director

R3, Inc. In Action

2nd Annual Community Fun & Information Day

On, Saturday, May 18th, R3, Inc. hosted the *2nd Annual Community Fun & Information Day*. Members of the community were invited to the Shaw Community Center for a day of live entertainment, free food and family fun.



The event was designed to provide resourceful information about health, education, public safety, community involvement and much more. Charleston area businesses, organizations and leaders joined R3 to showcase their products and/or services as vendors. Community Fun & Information Day was free to the public. Donations were accepted to help continue the mission of R3.



2nd Annual Community Fun & Information Day



Our Mission: To assist at-risk teens in becoming productive, self-sufficient, active citizens in our society by connecting them to available community resources and by empowering them with knowledge and needed foundational life skills.

R3 takes action to prevent Child Sexual Abuse

According to the *Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse & Neglect*, “statistically approximately 500,000 babies born in the U.S. each year will be sexually abused before they reach age 18.”

R3, Inc. not only found the statistic to be devastating, but heart wrenching. Eric Jackson, Executive Director, felt the need to take action. So, he encouraged staff and volunteer members to enroll in the Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) training with Darkness to Light.

“The safety of our youth is first and foremost, he expressed, “In everything we do.”

D2L, a Charleston-based organization, provides training to help prevent and reduce CSA. With over 30,000 people trained, the curriculum is designed to help recognize the signs and act responsibly to CSA situation. R3 was happy to announce that over 90 percent of its organization completed the CSA training in July.



“CSA awareness is extremely important. [R3] will continue to do our part to make sure the community is informed,” Jackson added.

Upon completion of the training, R3 was recognized as a “Partner in Prevention”, a national standard to help parents and caregivers recognize organizations taking a stand against CSA. As a “Partner in Prevention”, R3 now recommends that other organizations throughout the low country seek the CSA training.



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For more information,
about Darkness 2 Light
visit www.d2l.org.

You may also contact
Erika Rowell,
Program Coordinator at
843.965.5444.

Enroll your organization
in CSA training today!

More Facts about Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

- 95% of abuse is by someone the child knows and trusts.
- 73% of children don't tell anyone until well after the abuse has occurred, if they tell at all.
- In the U.S. alone, there are an estimated 42 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse.
- CSA is linked to a host of social issues including teen pregnancy, psychiatric disorders and substance abuse.
- CSA ranks second to murder as the most expensive victim crime in the U.S., where costs exceed \$35 billion

\$3,000 grant received to support the mission and development of R3 Inc.

During the month of June, R3, Inc. received a \$3,000 grant from Coastal Community Foundation.

Since 1974, CCF has helped thousands of individuals, families and non profits—like R3. The grant was derived from the Neighborhoods Energized to Win (N.E.W) Fund, designated for low-to-moderate income neighborhoods in Charleston and Colleton Counties. The N.E.W Fund is given annually. R3 was a candidate for the funds as being an organization to address key issues throughout the community/neighborhood, motivate and strengthen leaders, and to exemplify leadership skills.

The types of leaders R3 hopes to connect with are the parents. “We are always seeking ways to get [them] more involved with the community,” said Eric Jackson, our Executive Director.

This grant will be used to enable R3 with resources to reach out to the parents. The organization, as a whole, wants to encourage them to be involved in the community, and the success of their children. The efforts to connect with parents, is just one of many initiatives of R3.

Jackson also emphasized some of these initiatives through the Summer Feeding Program. Throughout the summer, R3 fed 55 to 65 children at the Shaw Community Center.

*“Many children are living in impoverished areas, with nearly 95 percent of the kids receiving reduced lunch when school is in session” Jackson said to a news writer of *The Post and Courier*.*

Source: *Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse & Neglect* www.nis4.org

“A special thanks to all of my staff, volunteers, sponsors and donors. I hope you guys continue to be committed to the mission of R3, Inc.”

~Eric Jackson

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(Cont'd pg 3) In some severe situations, the meals that children may receive, outside of the feeding programs and/or school, are not nutritional or fulfilling.

As a result, R3 finds it imperative to promote a healthier lifestyle, by educating the children about the essential food groups and the eating/digestive process—all while providing them with a nutritious meal.

With hopes of receiving more grants by the end of the year, R3 will continue to provide health initiatives and to support the overall mission of the organization.

To learn more about CCF, visit

www.coastalcommunityfoundation.org.

Read more about R3, Inc. Executive Director's views on the Summer Feeding Program

[*Not every family has a steady source of food, especially not in the South*](#)

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